

APPENDIX J
Public Involvement



**US Army Corps
of Engineers
Fort Worth District**

News Release

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Corps of Engineers prepares, revises vegetation management plans

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today its intention to prepare vegetation management plans and to revise the mowing, underbrushing and access path guidelines for adjacent landowners at Lewisville and Grapevine Lakes. The Corps of Engineers is the federal steward for more than 24,000 acres of land at the two lakes. The Corps is required to manage and conserve those lands and natural resources consistent with ecosystem management principles.

The current guidelines, developed in 1976, are not ecosystem based and, in the long run, are not environmentally sustainable. Additionally, the Corps of Engineers has determined through recent meetings with individuals and landowner groups that inconsistent application of current guidelines has led to confusion about what adjacent landowners may do on federal land. In preparing the vegetation management plans and revised guidelines, the Corps hopes to achieve a balance between permitted private uses of adjacent landowners and protection of natural resources.

The ecosystem based vegetation management plans will specify goals and objectives for protecting and restoring naturally occurring wildlife habitat at the two lakes. The revised mowing, underbrushing and access path guidelines will address specific adjacent landowners' concerns such as mowing distances, timing of mowing, and size and type of

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Vegetation management plans

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underbrush that can be removed. The Corps intends to publish an Environmental Assessment on the plans and revised guidelines at which time the public will be asked for comment. The Corps plans to publish the Environmental Assessment in July 2004.

Adjacent landowners should continue to follow existing guidelines while the revisions are being completed. The current guidelines can be obtained through the Elm Fork Project Office at 1801 N. Mill St, Lewisville, Texas or by calling (972) 434-1667. The current guidelines are also posted on the project website at:

<http://155.84.70.101/lewisville/adjlandlvl.htm> for Lewisville Lake and at

<http://155.84.70.101/lewisville/adjlandgr.htm> for Grapevine Lake.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

May 7, 2004

Operations Division

Dear Homeowner Association Representative:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Elm Fork Project Office, is in the process of drafting new ecosystem-based vegetation management plans and new adjacent landowner guidelines for mowing, underbrushing, and access paths at Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes. To assist in this effort, we are soliciting input from the homeowner associations (HOAs) bordering the two lakes.

The new vegetation management plans would be used by the Corps to direct the overall management of vegetation on Federal land while the new adjacent landowner guidelines would establish allowable limits for mowing, underbrushing, and access path activities that private property owners living adjacent to Federal land may wish to undertake. In keeping with Corps of Engineers national policy, the objectives of this initiative are to achieve environmental sustainability through ecosystem-based vegetation management plans and to achieve a balance between permitted private uses and resource protection for general public use. As part of this effort, the Corps will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the new plans and guidelines and will seek general public input.

Enclosed for your consideration are current adjacent landowner guidelines that are in effect until the EA is completed and new guidelines are adopted. I urge you and the membership of your HOA to review these current guidelines and to provide comments to assist in identifying alternatives to be assessed in the EA.

Your written comments are requested no later than May 28, 2004, so we may consider them in preparing the EA. Written comments should be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Elm Fork Project Office, ATTN: Jennifer Linde
1801 North Mill Street
Lewisville, Texas 75067-1821

When the EA is completed it will be made available for public comment for a 30-day period. Release of the EA for public comment is currently scheduled for August 2004.

If requested by your HOA, the Corps planning team assigned to this topic will be glad to meet with you to conduct a scoping workshop to provide additional information and clarification concerning the EA process and development of EA alternatives. We ask that the number of attendees at the workshop be limited to 20. If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Linde at 972-434-1666, Jennifer.linde@swf02.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

William H. Collins
Chief, Natural Resources
and Recreation Branch

Enclosure

Flower Mound (Grapevine Lake)

Diamond 36
Margita Carbone
3805 Post Oak
FM 75022

Penninsula at Twin Coves
Frank Allemand
1907 Seaview Drive
FM 75022

Point Nobles/Prince Estates
Ken Hodge
Ken Hodge & Assn.
3700 Forums Drive, Suite 106
FM 75028

Red Bud Point Homeowners
Steve Nobles
6048 Lakeside Drive
FM 75028

Shady Point Acres
Steve Pine
700 Elmwood
FM 75028

Vineyard on the Lake
Glenda Duke
4089 Bordeaux Circle
FM 75022

Wichita Creek Phase I & II
Theresa Roeder
2900 Creek View Drive
FM 75022

Woodlake Estates Phase II
Sonya Giacomello
813 Glen Garry Drive
FM 75022

Woodlake Estates Phase I
Vic Mauk
1100 Canongate Drive
FM 75022

Wright Estates Homeowners Assn.
Mercer Brugler
1708 Lockspur
FM 75022

(NOTE: I'm not sure that this one is
adjacent to GV>)

Grapevine

La Paloma H/A
Pat Rangel
1832 Chaparral Court
GV 76051

Placid Peninsula (Not an HOA, but she
will contact neighbors)
Becky St. John
3317 Redbird
GV 76051

Hidden Lakes Estates H/A
Daniel Cole, Vice President
2704 Chase Oak Drive
GV 76051

Leslie Smith
2022 Forest Hill Rd
Grapevine, TX 76051

Stan Reed
PO Box 2867 (3259 Southlake Park)
Grapevine, TX 76051

Southlake

Carmel Bay/Huse
John Holzgraefe
3545 Camel (Carmel) Court
SL 76092

Lewisville

Cielo Ranch
C/o Singer Association Management
ATTN: Vanessa Burch
P.O. Box 630292
Irving TX 75063-0292

Highland Village - Highland Shores
ATTN: Tammy Hatter
HSOA/#1 Community Center Drive
Highland Village TX 75077

The Colony

Legends
Greg Barnett, Association Manager
CMA
1800 Preston Park, Suite 101
Plano TX 75093

Ridgepointe
Tom Blattner, Director/President
GE-Zurich Warranty Management
10945 Estate Lane
Dallas TX 75238

Ridgepointe
Cami Sandifer
4305 Biscayne Dr.
The Colony TX 75056

Stewart Peninsula
Lone Star Association Management
Company
Susan Varnell, Property Manager
P.O. Box 560577
The Colony TX 75056

Eagles Landing
Scott Severen
841 Oak Meadow Ct.
Oak Point TX 75068

Emerald Sound
Mary Bell
1011 Citrine Cove
Little Elm TX 75068

Garza Lane/Rocky Point HOA
Robert Hoistad
P.O. Box 71
Little Elm TX 75068

Lakewood Village
Frank Jaromin
813 Carrie Lane
Lakewood Village TX 75068

Oak Shores
Virden Seybold
1501 Oakview Ct.
Crossroads TX 76227

Shores
Ben Johnson
6118 Beverly Drive
Frisco TX 75034

Stardust Ranch
Pulte Homes
ATTN: Frank O' Hagan
2740 Cowboy Trail
Little Elm TX 75068

Sunrise Bay
Bill Hidell
3959 Spinnaker Ct.
Little Elm TX 75068

Sunrise Bay
HOA of Sunrise Bay
PO Box 1267
Little Elm TX 75068

Wynnewood Haven (Apartment
Complex)
Ed Canada
10591 Buccaneer Pt.
Frisco TX 75034

Frisco TX 75034
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PO Box 191185
Dallas TX 75219

Ms. Amy Edwards
Villages of Woodlake HOA (Centex)
1800 Preston Park Blvd. Suite 101
Plano TX 75093

Keith Brockman
20149 Fiddlers Green Road
Frisco, TX 75034

Singer Association Management, Inc.
Kensington HOA
10030 N. MacArthur Blvd., Suite 176
Irving, Texas 75063

May 11, 2004

Operations Division

Dear ENRAC member:

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Elm Fork Project Office, is in the process of drafting new ecosystem-based vegetation management plans and new adjacent landowner guidelines for mowing, underbrushing, and access paths at Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes. These two lakes are located about 25 miles north and northwest of downtown Dallas. To assist in this effort, we are soliciting input from you as a member of the Fort Worth District Environmental and Recreation Assistance Committee (ENRAC). Even though these lakes may not be located near your geographic area of concern, we ask that you consider the implications of this initiative from the broader perspective of public lands management in general.

The new vegetation management plans would be used by the Corps to direct the overall management of vegetation on Federal land at the two lakes, while the new adjacent landowner guidelines would establish allowable limits for mowing, underbrushing, and access path activities that private property owners living adjacent to Federal land may wish to undertake. In keeping with Corps of Engineers national policy, the objectives of this initiative are to achieve environmental sustainability through ecosystem-based vegetation management plans and to achieve a balance between permitted private uses and resource protection for general public use. As part of this effort, the Corps will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the new plans and guidelines and will seek general public input.

Enclosed for your consideration are current adjacent landowner guidelines that are in effect until the EA is completed and new guidelines are adopted. I urge you to review these current guidelines and to provide comments to assist in identifying alternatives to be assessed in the EA.

Your written comments are requested no later than May 28, 2004, so we may consider them in preparing the EA. Written comments should be mailed to:

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Lewisville, Texas 75067-1821

When the EA is completed it will be made available for public comment for a 30-day period. Release of the EA for public comment is currently scheduled for August 2004.

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer Linde at 972-434-1666, Jennifer.linde@swf02.usace.army.mil or Don Wiese at 817-886-1568, donald.n.wiese@swf02.usace.army.mil.

Sincerely,

William H. Collins
Chief, Natural Resources and

Recreation Branch



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of Engineers
Fort Worth District**

News Release

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Corps of Engineers extends environmental assessment completion date

FORT WORTH, Texas – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, announced today it would extend the completion date for a draft environmental assessment (EA) on revised mowing, under brushing, and access path guidelines for adjacent landowners at Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes. Because more time is needed to gather public input and to perform additional mapping at the lakes, the assessment will be completed in the September-October timeframe rather than in late July.

The revised guidelines are needed to ensure that mowing, under brushing and access path activities by adjacent landowners are balanced with the general public's right to use Corps lands and the Corps' natural resources stewardship mission.

The revised guidelines will address adjacent landowners' concerns such as allowable mowing distances, mowing times and size and type of underbrush that can be removed. When the Corps publishes the draft EA on the revised guidelines in the September-October 2004 timeframe, the public will have a 30-day period to comment on the draft.

Adjacent landowners should continue to follow existing guidelines while the revisions are being completed. Persons interested in offering recommendations on revisions to the current guidelines are encouraged to review the guidelines, which can be obtained through the Elm Fork Project Office at 1801 N. Mill St, Lewisville, Texas or by calling 972-434-1667. The existing guidelines are also posted on the project website at: <http://155.84.70.101/lewisville/adlandvl.htm> for Lewisville Lake and at <http://155.84.70.101/lewisville/adlandgr.htm> for Grapevine Lake.

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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

November 3, 2004

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
ON ALLOWABLE ADJACENT LANDOWNER ACTIVITIES
INCORPORATING ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
ON FEDERAL LANDS AT GRAPEVINE AND LEWISVILLE LAKES, TEXAS**

Description. Interested parties are hereby notified that the District Engineer, Fort Worth District, has prepared a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) and a draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) regarding the revision of the mowing, underbrushing, and access path guidelines for Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes.

Statutory Authority. This notice is being issued to all interested parties in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508).

Background. An EA and draft FONSI for the proposed action were prepared in accordance with the requirements of the NEPA and Engineering Regulation 200-2-2, Procedures for Implementing NEPA. The purpose of the EA is to identify and evaluate the environmental aspects of implementing the proposed action in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

Proposed Action. The proposed action is for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to revise the mowing, underbrushing and access path guidelines at Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes. The preferred alternative is the Narrow Shoreline Variance Alternative. This alternative would allow for mowing and underbrushing to occur for a distance of 25-feet at Grapevine Lake and 50-feet at Lewisville Lake from the Federal property line. In addition, variances would be granted to perform additional mowing between the Federal property line and the conservation pool in areas too narrow to support a viable habitat zone. The areas where such variances would be granted are indicated on maps within the Environmental Assessment. The other actions considered in the EA include the no action alternative and variations of decreased mowing and expanded mowing.

Public Hearing. A public hearing has not been scheduled for this proposed action. Prior to the close of the comment period, any person may make a written request for a public hearing, setting forth the particular reasons for the request. The District Engineer will determine whether the issues raised are substantial and should be considered in his decision. If a public hearing is warranted, all known interested parties will be notified of the time, date, and location of such a hearing. In order to facilitate the release of the EA and to inform the public on its findings, an information meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2004, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Lewisville High School Auditorium located at 1098 West Main Street, Lewisville, Texas 75067. This meeting is to facilitate the release of the EA by providing a forum for discussion and questions to clarify the findings, format, and technical information.

presented in the EA. This information meeting will not be a forum for recording public or agency comment on the EA.

Public Review. Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 as amended in 1975 (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR], Parts 1500 through 1508), the U.S. Department of the Army gives notice that it has prepared the required environmental documentation for the Allowable Adjacent Landowner Activities Incorporating Ecosystem Management Practices on Federal Lands at Grapevine and Lewisville Lakes, Texas. This document is available for review on the Fort Worth District Website www.swf.usace.army.mil or at the following addresses:


Lewisville Public Library
1197 W. Main St.
Lewisville, Texas 75067
(972) 219-3570

Lewisville/Ray Roberts Lake Office
1801 N. Mill Street
Lewisville, Texas 75057-1821
(972) 434-1666/1667

Grapevine Public Library
1201 South Main Street
Grapevine, TX 76051
(817) 410-3400

Grapevine Lake Office
110 Fairway Drive
Grapevine, Texas 76051-3495
(817) 481-4541

Comment Period. The comment period for this action is extended to 45 days from the date of this Public Notice. Please address any comments to Mr. Rob Newman, CESWF-PER-EE, Post Office Box 17300, Fort Worth, Texas 76102-0300, or by e-mail at Rob.Newman@swf02.usace.army.mil. Copies of the EA and draft FONSI may be requested in writing at the above address or by telephone at (817) 886-1762.


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Colonel, Corps of Engineers
District Engineer